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listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed  
10 and for which a patent is sought on the invention  
entitled "AUTOMATED ANNULAR PLICATION FOR MITRAL VALVE  
REPAIR", the specification of which was filed on June  
22, 2001, accorded Serial No. 09/888,282, and is  
identified by Attorney's Docket No. VIA-6.

15 I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand  
the contents of the above-identified specification,  
including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information  
which is material to the examination of this  
20 application in accordance with Title 37, Code of  
Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

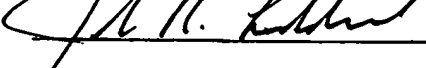
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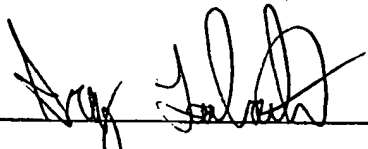
I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35,  
United States Code, Section 119(e), of United States  
Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/213,782,  
filed June 23, 2000 for AUTOMATED ANNULAR PLICATION FOR  
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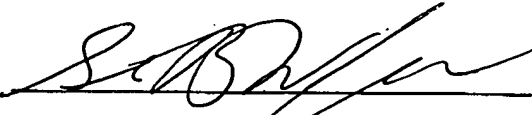
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